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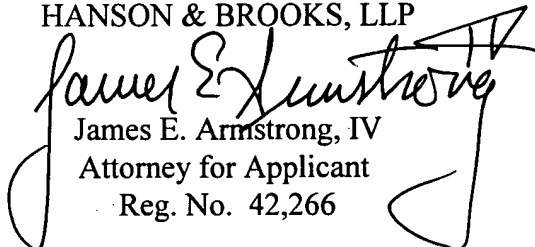
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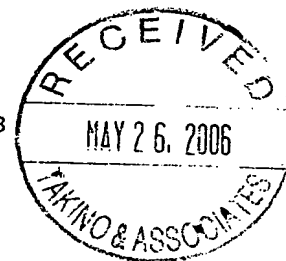
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Applicant YAZAKI CORPORATION et al	

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:



Box No. I Basis of the opinion



Box No. II Priority



Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability



Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention



Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement



Box No. VI Certain documents cited



Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application



Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.

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Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims 1-4

YES

Claims

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

YES

Claims 1-4

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims 1-4

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: JP, 2001-103644, A (Sumitomo Wiring Systems, Ltd.), 13 April, 2001 (13.04.01), Figs 6. and 10

Document 2: JP, 2002-67828, A (Yazaki Corp.), 8 March, 2002 (08.03.02), Fig. 6

Document 3: JP, 2002-325347, A (Yazaki Corp.), 8 November, 2002 (08.11.02), Fig. 3

Document 4: JP, 2-97830, U (Toyota Auto Body Co., Ltd.), 3 August, 1990 (03.08.90), Fig. 1

Document 5: JP, 2001-218350, A (Yazaki Corp.), 10 August, 2001 (10.08.01) Fig. 2

Claims 1-3

A person skilled in the art could have easily formed a guide groove in document 4 (Fig. 1) or document 5 (Fig. 2) on any one of harness excessive length absorption mechanisms in document 1 (Fig. 10), document 2 (Fig. 6), document 3 (Fig. 3).

Claim 4

A person skilled in the art could have easily formed a guide groove in document 4 or document 5 on a harness excessive length absorption mechanism in which an outlet in document 1 (Fig. 6) is formed in the direction crossing an inlet.